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पेट्रोलियम और गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष कुमार गंगवार): महोदय, आपकी अनुमति से मैं यह सूचित करता हूं कि 8 मार्च, 1999 से प्रारम्भ होने वाले सप्ताह के दौरान इस सदन में निम्नलिखित सरकारी कार्य लिया जाएगा:—

1. राष्ट्रपति के अभिभाषण पर धन्यवाद प्रस्ताव पर आगे चर्चा।
2. गोवा राज्य में राष्ट्रपति शासन संबंधी संकल्प पर चर्चा।
3. कंपनी (संशोधन) अध्यादेश, 1999 का निरनुमोदन चाहने वाले सांविधिक संकल्प पर चर्चा तथा लोक सभा द्वारा पारित किए गए रूप में कंपनी (संशोधन) विधेयक, 1998 पर विचार और पारित किया जाना।
4. लोक सभा द्वारा पारित किए गए रूप में निम्नलिखित विधेयकों पर विचार और लौटाया जाना:—
   (क) वित्त (सं॰ 2) विधेयक, 1999
   (ख) संसद सदस्य वेतन, भत्ता और पेंशन (संशोधन) विधेयक, 1999
5. वर्ष 1999-2000 के लिए बजट (रेल) पर सामान्य चर्चा।
6. वर्ष 1999-2000 के लिए बजट (सामान्य) पर सामान्य चर्चा।

RESOLUTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA (Maharashra): Sir, first, I would like to extend the greetings of the International Women's Day to all the Members of Parliament and especially to you. I also thank you for giving me permission to make a statement and move a resolution to be passed.

Sir, today is the International Women's Day. On this historic occasion, we, Members of Parliament, take note of the resollution of this House passed on the 8th March, 1996 and the goals and strategic objectives set forth in the IPU New Delhi Declaration of 1997 in the context of the Platform of Action, 1995 and arrive at the consensus about critical gaps and serious concerns that have characterized our efforts to secure gender equality and justice. We feel that efforts in the coming years should focus on the following priority concerns:

Adequate reservation for women in both the Houses of Parliament be made so as to give representation to all sections of society.

Given the vital role that parliamentarians can play in the process of social change and the critical importance attached to accountability to legislature in the Platform for Action, it is important to build their capacities, strengthen their networks and equip them with resources.

Women's voices should be promoted in decision-making processes including the macro planning processes.

The fulfilment of the Ninth Plan objective of Empowerment of Women and the strategy of sectoral women's component plans needs to be closely monitored; and women's voices and perspectives should be part of this monitoring.

There should be an ongoing process of gender mainstreaming, including the strengthening of the Government machinery and the National Commission for Women.

Gender sensitization of enforcement mechanisms, judiciary and Central and State ministries is to be a priority and needs to be matched with resources.

The reform of laws to address issues of genderbased violence should be closely monitored.

Additional resources, both financial and technical, need to be committed to combat increasing gender-based violence, to provide legal literacy, and to correct media portrayal of women.